## **SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**

July 23, 2007
Portage County Annex, Stevens Point, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:30 AM Mike Cerny	1. Call to Order	Members Present: Mike Cerny, Chair, Bev Dittmar, Vice Chair, Rick Steimel, Jerry Green, Jon Schweitzer, Karen Carlson, Bob Lang, Tom Thornton, Andy Malecki, Tom Chwala, Donna White, and Sam Landis	
		Others Present: Diane Conklin, Gary Eddy, Pat Zatopa, Gary Hanson, Pat Sheahan, Tom Blotz – DNR and representatives from various counties and AWSC	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting		Motion by Donna White, second by Tom Thornton to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion Carried
	3. Comments	Mike Cerny noted that he had attended the International Snowmobile Congress in Bloomington, MN. He noted that Diane Conklin also attended as well as Andy Malecki, Donna White, and Tom Chwala,	
		Bev Dittmar noted that she had attended various committee meetings and that the crew were working very hard.	
	4. Citizen Participation	Morris Nelson, AWSC, discussed the 55 mph night time speed limit. He indicated that legislators had lined up to start an appeal to extend the 55 mph night time speed limit for three (3) years and increase the non-resident trail pass from \$18.00 to \$35.00 He calculated that this would increase the supplemental fund by \$600,000.	Motion made by Andy Malecki to raise the non-resident fee, seconded by Bev Dittmar, from \$18.00 to \$35.00. Motion Carried.  Motion made by Bev Dittmar to support
		would increase the supplemental fund by \$600,000.	the 55 mph night time speed limit for the

		next 3 years, seconded by Jerry Green.  Motion Carried.
5. Reports ? State Trails Council	Tom Thornton reported that he had attended the latest meeting on July 13 at the Northern Highlands American Legion Forest. The main subject was the use of ATVs. The snowmobilers are getting "lumped" in with ATVs as "motorized. Right now, the State Trails Committee is made up of 9 people; 2 motorized and 7 non motorized. We would like to see motorized recreation more equally represented. A suggestion was to bring motorcycles and 4-wheel drive representation separately for equal representation. State Trails is working with the Governor's office and legislators to see if ATVs can work something out.	
? Department	Diane reported that tentative funding decisions were made at the end of June for RTA funds. Motorized funding was \$308,313.00 with \$76,059 spent already.  Legislative Updates: Gary Eddy indicated that it was a pretty quiet time right now.  Night time Speed Limit: July 1, 2007 was the date to sunset the 55 mph night time speed limit. There isn't much data because of lack of snow. We are looking at another attempt at a night time speed limit – not just one year of data that way. There were 36 26 fatalities this year as opposed to 26 36 last year. Most accidents involved speed and alcohol. Good voluntary compliance overall. More warnings rather than citations issued. Field wardens seeing quite a decrease of "racing" on the lakes (Winnebago in particular).	

	Snowmobile Accident Reduction Team: Gary Eddy Main purpose was to be visible and reduce incidents by being seen. This year we will be adjusting equipment purchase and patrol hours.	
6. Reports of Standing Committees ? Finance	Bev Dittmar, Chair We have more requests than we have money. Supplemental requests and amount available is not known at this time. The soonest we will know is around August 1. This will be revisited when the numbers are	
? Law Enforcement  ? Infrastructure	in.  Rick Steimel, Chair  ? The nighttime 55 mph speed limit was discussed. The committee supports the continuation of this law. A summary of fatal accidents was presented.  ? Sound test ? By 2008 the DNR has the ability to make adjustments after consulting with the Council. ? Counting Equipment was discussed. This equipment was recently purchased by Jackson County and Jon Schweitzer gave a brief overview of the equipment. ? The LE brochure was discussed. It was thought that we should find a way to update and possibly print again. Andy Malecki, Chair	

- placed in a sliding scale based upon the cost of the project. Also, not just the immediate property where the bridge is but the adjoining trail portions should be included too.
- ? December Deer Hunt This was made permanent north of Highway 8.
- ? Amery to Dresser very frustrating for the counties involved in this litigation. Snowmobiles have provided \$5,000 contribution to the litigation. Blue Ribbon Coalition has also contributed.
- ? Cheese Country Trail two ethanol plants are being proposed. There has been discussion to remove or relocate the trail because of this. Rails and Harbors (DOT), DNR, and various railroads are in discussions. However, nothing has materialized so far.
- ? Wisconsin River Bridge from Sauk City to Mazomanie. Currently there is an unused partially removed railroad bridge which is unuseable due to under cut pilings south of Sauk City. Right now the trail uses a highway bridge and runs through town on CTH "PF".
- ? Washington County use of the bridge is being threatened because of homeland security concerns.
- ? UTVs permits are being discussed for these machines. Some concerns regarding this because of the width.
- ? Non-Resident Stickers No numbers yet. Also discussed the proposed increase. The committee supported the increase.
- ? Equipment proposal for rollers to be used to

	pack prior to grooming. These are updated on the Equipment Rate sheet. Also, increase the groomer rates for Class A and B by \$5.00. No increase for Class C.  ? Landowner payment proposal – started by Senator Breske for ATVs. Snowmobiles were included late in the development but have since been removed.  Andy read a letter from Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance thanking them for the funding they received. However, they have not found an agreeable location yet. If none is found by 2008, they will withdraw their grant and return funds.	Motion was made by Bev Dittmar to approve the committee minutes, seconded by Tom Thornton. Motion Carried.
7.Action Arising from Reports		Motion made by Andy Malecki to raise the non-resident fee, seconded by Bev Dittmar, from \$18.00 to \$35.00. Motion Carried.  Motion made by Bev Dittmar to support the 55 mph night time speed limit for the next 3 years, seconded by Jerry Green. Motion Carried.  Motion by Andy Malecki to add reason for trail closure to the form for mandatory reroutes, seconded by Bev Dittmar. Motion Carried.
8. Council Elections	Elections for Chair were conducted by Diane Conklin	Motion by Tom Chwala, second by Jerry Green to nominate Mike Cerny for Council chair.  After 3 calls for nominations, Donna

9. Trail Matters		White moved, seconded by Tom Chwala to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Cerny as chair. Motion carried.  Motion by Donna White, seconded by Sam Landes to nominate Bev Dittmar for Council vice-chair.  After 3 calls for nominations, Donna White moved, seconded by Tom Chwala to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bev Dittmar for Council vice-chair. Motion carried.  Mike will write a letter of response to county coordinator.
Equipment and Labor Rates	The equipment rate adjustments were discussed again, as presented from the Infrastructure Committee.	Motion made by Andy Malecki to accept recommendation by committee to accept 8' and 10' rollers in the appropriate classes, seconded by Bev Dittmar. Motion Carried.  Motion by Andy Malecki to increase the grooming rates (A and B) by \$5.00 (see Equipment Rate Sheet), seconded by Bev Dittmar. Motion Carried.  Motion by Andy Malecki to add rotary, pull behind, brusher to be charged at \$12.00/hr – DOT 413 Class, seconded by Donna White. Motion Carried.
Proposed County	Diane outlined the summary of revenues available and	Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Sam

	Snowmobile Program	the requests received including requests for new trail	Landes to approve existing
		miles.	maintenance. Motion carried.
	Review of Projects	Bridge Rehab	<ul> <li>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Andy Malecki to approve all Bridge Rehab projects with the following changes.</li> <li>? Oneida County request for \$18,300 to 0 as funded fully by ORV Council</li> <li>? Marathon County request for \$26,464 to 0 as funded fully by ORV Council</li> <li>? Marquette County (\$42,500) denied as it was their lowest priority</li> <li>? Oconto County (\$413,000) asked to return at next meeting with second quote and a decision will be made at that time.</li> <li>? Juneau County (\$231,374) funded \$72,000 to fund 6 bridges of 19 requested.</li> <li>? Fond du Lac County (\$38,519) funded \$20,000.</li> <li>Total to be funded - \$550,502. Motion carried.</li> </ul>
The council adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 PM.		Route Signs	Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Andy Malecki to approve Iron County (Town of Carey) route sign application for \$670. Motion carried.  Motion by Donna White, second by Bev Dittmar to approve Marathon County's

Trail Rehabilitation	request for \$17,300 Bridge rehab that was only 50% funded by the ORV Council taking the total Bridge Rehab to \$567,802. Motion carried.  Motion made by Jerry Green, second by Andy Malecki to approve the trail rehab requests with the exception of LaCrosse at \$2,775, Pierce - \$13,130, and deduct \$500 from Bayfield County for signs. Roll call vote was requested.
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	Because of a tie, Mike Cerny voted – N Motion failed – 7 No's – 6 Yes's  Motion by Mike Willman, second by Sam Landes to approve Trail Rehab requests with the exception of LaCrosse \$2,775 and minus \$500 from Bayfield. Roll call vote requested.
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	Motion carried. Total approved for Trail
	Rehab - \$88,803.
Mandatory Trail Relocation	Motion by Tom Chwala, second by Tom Thornton to approve Mandatory Trail Relocation with the following changes:  ? Iron County (\$20,864) approved \$8,375.  ? Taylor County (\$70,000) approved \$35,000. (County will receive additional \$35,000 for ORV,)  ? Green Lake County (\$323,750) denied as still discretionary.  ? Oconto County (\$42,000) funded 0 as fully funded by ORV Council.  ? Burnett County (\$65,500) denied as should be funded by Airport Commission.  Total approved for Mandatory Trail Relocation - \$76,399. Motion carried.
New Miles	Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to approve Langlade County request to develop 19.33 miles (Wolf River Grade) \$386,421. Deny all other new miles. Motion carried.
New Bridges	Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Sam Landes to approve the

		following new bridges; ? Marathon County - \$15,850 ? Sawyer County - \$87,500 ? Clark County - \$14,806. All others denied for a total of \$118,156. Motion carried.  Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Donna White to keep the balance of funds and hold another meeting on October 1, after reviewing supplemental requests.
10. Member Items	County rules require that, for him to continue to work with Pat Sheehan, DNR CSS, on the Hubbleton bridge, he need formal permission from the Council.	Motion by Donna White to allow Tom Chwala to continue to work on the Hubbleton Bridge with DNR CSS for Jefferson County and report back to the Council. Seconded by Bev Dittmar.  Motion Carried.
11. Next Meeting	It was decided that the next meeting will be in Columbia County on October 1.	
12. Adjournment		Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM. Motion carried.